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1. THE FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S CONSULAR PACKAGE AS QEQUESTED REFTEL.

FY-1977 ACTUAL 10/1/76 TO 9/30/77	FY-1978 ESTIMATE 10/1/77 TO 9/30/78	FY-1979 ESTIMATE 10/1/78 TO 9/30/79	FY-1980 ESTIMATE 10/1/79 TO 9/30/80
2. SCHEDULE 1 - IMMIGRANT VISAS ARA, EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA			
1. IV'S ISSUED			
5,281	6,500	6,900	7,300
2. IV'S REFUSED			
2,153	3,000	2,700	2,800
3. TOTAL IV CASES			
7,434	9,500	9,600	10,100

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MAN HOURS UTILIZED			
AMERICAN OFFICERS			
4. FULL TIME PERMANENT			
2,482	2,478	2,580	2,580
5. TEMPORARY DETAIL			
116	100	120	120
6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)			
-	-	-	-
7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS			
2,608	2,578	2,700	2,700
LOCAL			
8. FULL TIME PERMANENT			
9,119	13,340	13,340	13,340
9. TEMPORARY DETAIL			
-	160	160	160
10. PIT			
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11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS			
9,563	13,500	13,500	13,500
12. TOTAL IV MAN HOURS			
12,171	16,078	16,200	16,200

13. USE OF INTERPREPTER
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14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK
5PCT 8PCT 7PCT 7PCT
3. SCHEDULE II - NON IMMIGRANT VISAS
GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU - ARA
EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA
15. NIV'S ISSUED
5,023 4,500 4,950 5,200
16. NIV'S REFUSED
4,319 5,427 5,750 6,000
17. TOTAL NIV CASES
9,342 9,927 10,700 11,200
MAN HOURS UTILIZED
AMERICAN OFFICERS
18. FULL TIME PERMANENT
1,222 1,165 1,300 1,400
19. TEMPORARY DETAIL
1 6 406 320 320
20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)
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21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN HOURS
1,338 1,571 1,620 1,720
LOCAL
FULL TIME PERMANENT
22. 2,960 3,583 3,600 3,600
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23. TEMPORARY DETAIL
- - - -
24. PIT
- - - -
25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS
2,9605 3,583 3,600 3,600
26. TOTAL NIV MAN HOURS
4,298 5,154 5,220 5,320
27. NIV FEES COLLECTED
$144.25 $160.00 $160.00 $
#0.00
28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS - FY 77
N/A N/A N/A N/A
29. CREW LIST VISAS
38 40 40 40
30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS
UNKNOWN
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PERCENT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING
31. INTERVIEWS
98PCT 99PCT 99PCT 99PCT
32. USE OF INTERPRETERS
0PCT 0PCT 0PCT 0PCT
33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK
1PCT 1PCT 1PCT 1PCT
4. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES
ARA-EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA
34. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS
6 10 10 10
35. ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS
1 1 1 1
36. NOTARIALS
320 330 330 330
27. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS
10 E 65 30 30
38. ARRESTS
0 1 1 1
39. SHIPPING & SEAMEN
13 15 15 15

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40. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES			
210	330	310	310
41. TOTAL SCS CASES			
560	742	707	707
MAN HOURS UTILIZED			
AMERICAN OFFICERS			
42. FULL TIME PERMANENT			
110	620	550	550
43. TEMPORARY DETAIL			
-	-	-	-
44. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)			
-	-	-	-
45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS			
110	620	550	550
LOCAL			
46. FULL TIME PERMANENT			
275	355	355	355
47. TEMPORARY DETAIL			
-	-	-	-
48. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)			
-	-	-	-
49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS			
275	355	355	355

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TOTAL SCS MAN HOURS
50. 385 975 905 905
51. TREASURY CHECKS
618 1,200
5. SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP & PASSPORT ERVICES
ARA - EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA
52. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED
163 155 155 155
53. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EXAMINED
44 25 25 25
54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED
119 125 125 125
55. NO FEE PASSPORT ISSUED
0 0 0 0
56. PASSPORTS AMENDED OR EXTENDED
8 10 10 10
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57. NEW REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS
85 90 90 90
58. REPORTS OF BIRTH
8 12 12 12
59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE
2 1 1 1
60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS
0 0 0 0
61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT CASES
375
62. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED
0
63. TOTAL PASSPORT CASES
375 417 417 417
MAN HOURS UTILIZED
AMERICAN OFFICERS
64. FULL TIME PERMANENT
202 230 230 230
65. TEMPORARY DETAIL
- - - -
66. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)
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67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS
202 230 230 230
LOCAL
68. FULL TIME PERMANENT
289 320 320 320
69. TEMPORARY DETAIL
- - - -
70. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)
- - - -
71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS
289 320 320 320
72. TOTAL PASSPORT MAN HOURS
491 550 550 550
73. AMERICANS REGISTERED 1/31/78
1,186
AMERICAN CITIZENS REGISTERED
74. OFFICIALS - 57
75. NON-OFFICIALS 1,129
6. SCHEDULE V -CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATION
ARA- EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

HOURS GAINED	AMERICAN	LOCAL
OVERTIME	437	35
DETAILS IN	232	0
HOURS LOST	616	0

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DETAILS OUT	0	0
STAFFING GAPS	320	0
PROLONGED LEAVE	152	544

AMERICANS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
76. AUTHORIZED					
77. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77	2	0	0	1	3
78. FILLED 1/31/78	2	0	0	1	3

INCREASE/(AMERICAN)
79. REQUIRED FY-79 -1
80. REQUIRED FY-80 -0

LOCALS					
18. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77	5	0	0	1	6
82. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78	8	0	0	1	9

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83. FILLED 1/31/78	8	0	0	1	9

INCREASE/DECREASE 0
84. REQUIRED FY-79 0
85. REQUIRED FY-80 0
7. SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.
ARA-EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA
A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY
NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED
AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0
HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS IN WORK OTHER THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS
AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0
HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NON-REIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON FEDERAL BENEFITS.
AMERICAN: 96 LOCAL: 176
B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS
1. A. FRAUD UNIT - NONE
B. SECURITY - NONE
C. LINE OFFICER - 14
2. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION
A. VISA - 8
B. FEDERAL BENEFITS - 0
C. PASSPORT - 6
C. U.S:. CITIZEN IN JAIL 1/31/78 - 1
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D. SERVICES FOR INS
   1. NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS - 10
   2. NUMBER OF F-151 CARDS SURRENDERED - 15
   3. I-151 CARDS INTERVIEWS - LOST/STOLEN - 18
E. LOST OF NATIONALITY CASES
   (INCLUDING RENUNCIATIONS) - 0
F. FOUND PASSPORT CASES PROCESSED - 0
G. 1. SEARCHES FOR MISSING PERSONS -2
   2. EMERGENCY MESSAGES -5
   3. CHILD CUSTODY CASES -1
   4. ILLNESS OR HOSPITAL CASES NOT
      INVOLVING MEDAVAC -1
   5. MEDEVAC INVOLVING REPATRIATION
      LOANS -0
   6. MEDEVAC NOT AT USG EXPENSE -1
   7. REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS -0
   8. REPATRIATION NOT INVOLVING
      USG EXPENSE -0
   9. EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFERS
      (INCLUDING TRUST & COMMERCIAL
      BANK) -1
   10. UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANEOUS
      W/W ACTIONS -53
H. NOT APPLICABLE
I. NARATIVE
1. PREFACE
NO LONGER CAN THE CONSULAR SECTION HERE
BE CHARACTERIZED PRIMARILY AS A VISA
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ORIENTED OPERATION. TO BE SURE, VISAS
STILL OCCUPY THE GREATER AMOUNT OF THE
SECTIONS'S TIME. HOWEVER, INCREASED BIRTH
AND DEATH REPORTS, SEVERAL CHILD CUSTODY
DISPUTES AND RELATED WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS
PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE RECENT INFLUX OF
APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AMERICAN MEMBERS OF
THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION
HAVE CREATED A STRAIN ON AN ALREADY VERY
BUSY SECTION. AT THE SAME TIME A
DEEPENING ECONOMIC CRISIS IN GUYANA HAS PROVIDED
IMPETUS TO THE SURGE IN REQUESTS FOR ALL TYPES
OF VISAS AND HAS CAUSED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE
IN THE NUMBER OF MALAFIDE NIV'S. THIS PRESENT
ECONOMIC SLUMP IS NOT EXPECTED TO RIGHT ITSELF
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE
FACTORS MENTIONED ABOVE THE EMBASSY IS REQUEST-
ING ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN OFFICER POSITION
FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION FOR FY-1979. THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRESENTED TO
COMPLEMENT THE STATISTICS LISTED ABOVE AND
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PROVIDE THE JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR REQUEST.
2. JUSTIFICATION
THE CONSULAR WORKLOAD HERE HAS RISEN DRAMATIC-
ALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR. IMMIGRANT VISA
APPLICATIONS HAVE DOUBLED BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 AND YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1977
FROM 3,673 TO 7,434 AND WILL RISE ANOTHER
2,000 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, WHICH WILL MEAN
A 256 PERCENT INCREASE IN FOUR YEARS. NON-
IMMIGRANT VISA (NIV) APPLICATIONS DURING THE
PAST THREE YEAR PERIOD HAS ALSO INCREASED BY ONE THIRD
FROM 7,735 ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 TO 9,342 ON
SEPTEMBER 30, 1977. AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE
OF 700 APPLICATIONS IS EXPECTED THIS FISCAL
YEAR TO PLACE OUR NIV CASE LOAN OVER 10,000

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BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. OUR SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES WORKLOAD HAS RISEN ABOUT 40 PERCENT THE LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS AND BY THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR WILL HAVE DOUBLED (355 SCS CASES TO 742 CASES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1978). OUR PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP WORKLOAD IS ALSO UP AROUND 40 PERCENT FROM 286 CASES IN FY-75 TO 417 CASES BY THE END OF FY-78. THIS INCREASED WORKLOAD HAS BEEN ABSORBED PRIMARILY THROUGH THREE NEW FSL POSITIONS AUTHORIZED IN FY-78 BUT NO REPEAT NO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

(A) IMMIGRANT VISAS

OUR ESTIMATE OF 9,600 PLUS IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR AND THE INCREASES LISTED INTO THE NEXT FEW YEARS IS BASED UPON OUR PRESENT NUMBER OF PENDING

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AND NEW CASES. AT PRESENT WE HAVE 3,115 APPLICANTS DOCUMENTARILY QUALIFIED WAITING FOR APPOINTMENTS. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING 200 TO 240 NEW CASES WEEKLY SINCE APRIL, 1977. IN ORDER TO REMAIN CURRENT WE MUST PROCESS A MINIMUM OF AT LEAST 220 CASES WEEKLY. MOREOVER, THE VERY BAD LOCAL ECONOMIC SITUATION MENTIONED IN MORE DETAIL IN PARAGRAPH 2(B) WILL PROVIDE FURTHER STIMULUS FOR GUYANESE TO MIGRATE ABROAD. AT THE SAME TIME, BECAUSE OF OUR VERY HIGH IV REFUSAL RATE, ABOUT 30 PERCENT, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION TO SET ASIDE ONE DAY PER WEEK FOR OFFICERS TO SEE APPLICANTS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY REFUSED, AND WISH TO DISCUSS THEIR CASE OR PRESENT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO OVERCOME THEIR PREVIOUS REFUSALS. THIS HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL IN BOTH PROVIDING SERVICE TO APPLICANTS AND INSURING THAT A SPECIFIC TIME IS SET ASIDE TO PROCESS SUCH CASES. IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT UNDER CONDITIONS PREVAILING HERE AN OFFICER CANNOT EFFICIENTLY INTERVIEW MORE THAN 30 APPLICANTS DAILY. OTHERWISE, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT THE OFFICER THE NECESSARY TIME FOR INTERVIEWING APPLICANTS AND CHECKING DOCUMENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THE VISA. OUR IMMIGRANT VISA OFFICER MUST BE ALERT TO DETECT FRAUDULENT JOB OFFERS, AND NON-EXISTENT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, THE TWO MOST COMMON ATTEMPTS TO CIRCUMVENT OUR VISA LAWS. MOREOVER, THE PROBLEM OF DETERMINING

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FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS IS EXACERBATED BY THE GUYANESE
PROPENSITY TO HAVE ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN, AND SEVERAL DIFFERENT
NAMES. SORTING OUT JUST WHO IS WHO IS A VERY TIME CONSUMING
PROBLEM. ESSENTIALLY, WE HAVE BEEN COPING WIT THE INCREASED
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IV LOAD BY STREAMLINING OFFICE PROCEDURES, AN INCREASED
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UTILIZATION OF FORM LETTERS, CROSS TRAINING OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND THE USE, SINCE JANUARY 1, 1978, OF AN ADDITIONAL EMBASSY OFFICER HALF DAYS TO ASSIST IN NIV INTERVIEWS. HOWEVER, AFTER MARCH 31, WE CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON THAT OFFICER EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES BECAUSE OF OTHER DUTY COMMITMENTS. WITH THIS OFFICER'S HELP, WE ARE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING 60 DAILY IV INTERVIEWS TO CUT OUR BACKLOG OF PENDING CASES BUT HAVE ONLY REDUCED IT FROM ABOUT 3,600 TO 3,100 CASES. OBVIOUSLY, WITHOUT CONTINUOUS FULL TIME ASSISTANCE WE WILL HAVE A LARGER BACKLOG THAT WITHIN SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR COULD TOTAL AS MANY AS 5,000 CASES. FURTHERMORE, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING COMPLEXITY AND NUMBERS OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS, OUR NIV OFFICER HAS LESS AND LESS TIME TO ASSIST THE IV OFFICER TO REACH THE OPTIMUM NUMBER OF DAILY APPOINTMENTS (30) TO STAY CURRENT WITH OUR PRESENT WORKLOAD.
(B) NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS
AS MENTIONED ABOVE, WE HAVE HAD A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN NIV WORK OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE FIGURES GIVEN WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT FOR EXAMPLE IN LONDON BUT IN GEORGETOWN IT IS A LARGE INCREASE BECAUSE WE MUST INTERVIEW ALMOST EVERY APPLICANT. OUR NIV OFFICER MUST CONDUCT THOROUGH INTERVIEWS TO INSURE THAT ONLY THOSE BONA FIDE APPLICANTS
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RECEIVE VISAS. OUR NIV WORKLOAD HERE IS PRESENTLY EXACERBATED BY THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT GUYANA IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING AND WHICH IS FAR FROM BOTTOMING OUT. HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, SHORTAGES OF FOOD AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS, AND THE LACK OF HOPE FOR BETTER CONDITIONS IN THE FUTURE ARE POWERFUL INCENTIVES FOR GUYANESE TO EMIGRATE. MANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO BY SEEKING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES WITH NIV'S TO LOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT. THEREFORE, OUR NIV OFFICER MUSS SPEND AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME WITH EACH APPLICANT REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS. SINCE WE INTERVIEW ALL NIV APPLICANTS ON THE DAY THEY APPLY THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE CAN CONTROL THIS FLOW. THE ONLY ANSWER IS TO CUT BACK ON IV INTERVIEWS OR REQUEST AN OFFICER PART TIME FROM ANOTHER SECTION. HOWEVER, GIVEN THIS POST'S AUSTERE MANNING THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE AND IS AT BEST ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE AND NOT A SOLUTION.

(C) SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES
THE CHIEF OF SECTION NORMALLY PERFORMS THIS FUNCTION. HERE AGAIN THIS UNIT HAS SHOWN A DRAMATIC INCREASE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS FROM 355 CASES IN FY-75 TO 560 CASES IN FY-77, A 40 PERCENT RISE WITH ANOTHER RISE ESTIMATED IN FY-78 AT 742 CASES WHICH COMES TO ALMOST A 100 PERCENT JUMP OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. SINCE AUGUST, 1977 AN AMERICAN QUASI RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION HAS BROUGHT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AMERICANS TO GUYANA TO SETTLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY CARVED OUT OF THE JUNGLE IN GUYANA'S REMOTE NORTHWEST DISTRICT. THIS MOVEMENT HAS CREATED A HEAVY INFLUX OF WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS INQUIRIES, NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, SEVERAL CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTES INCLUDING ONE VERY LENGTHY CHILD CUSTODY CASE (STILL UNRESOLVED) WITH HEAVY CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, AND A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TREASURY CHECKS AND
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REQUESTS FOR ACTION BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HAD TO VISIT THIS REMOTE COMMUNITY THREE TIMES IN RECENT MONTHS. HENCEFORTH, UNLESS REQUIRED BY EMERGENCIES TO VISIT THE COMMUNITY MORE OFTEN, A CONSULAR OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO VISIT IT AT LEAST QUARTERLY TO PERFORM STATUTORY CONSULAR SERVICES AND RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FROM RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE PRESENCE OF THIS GROUP WILL ALSO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REPORTS OF BIRTH AND DEATH. APPROXIMATELY 200 SENIOR CITIZENS RANGING IN AGE FROM 60 TO 106 YEARS ARE AT THE COMMUNITY. FINALLY, WE HAVE HAD ONE ARREST CASE WHICH INITIALLY REQUIRED SEVERAL MAN DAYS OF WORK DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF ARREST AND TRIAL AND OF COURSE STILL REQUIRES ONE VISIT PER MONTH WHICH NORMALLY OCCUPIES AN OFFICER FOR HALF A MAN DAY.
(D) PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP
AS A COROLLARY TO OUR INCREASED SCS ACTIVITY, PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES HAVE ALSO INCREASED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE EXPERIENCING A LARGE NUMBER OF FIRST TIME APPLICANTS FOR PASSPORTS. ONE REASON IS THAT A U.S. OWNED COMPANY IN GUYANA, GEORGETOWN SEAFOODS, IS CUTTING BACK ITS OPERATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY, MANY OF THE TRAWLER FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DOCUMENT THEIR OFFSPRING (BOTH LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE) AS AMERICAN CITIZENS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. THIS REQUIRES PAINSTAKING AND THOROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH THE SEAMEN WHO ARE MOSTLY UNEDUCATED AND HAVE LITTLE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT, IN SOME CASES THE SEAMEN THEMSELVES HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN PROVING THEIR OWN CLAIMS TO AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, THUS NECESSITATING MUCH CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN ORDER TO VERIFY THEIR CITIZENSHIP.
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THE CHIEF OF SECTION IN GEORGETOWN IS PRESENTLY THE THIRD RANKING FSO IN THE EMBASSY. AS SUCH, IN THE PAST HE HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS CHARGE (ON ONE OCCASION FOR THREE MONTHS), AND ACTING DCM. HE ALSO SITS IN ON ALL SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AS WELL AS THE WEEKLY COUNTRY TEAM MEETING. IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES HE PROVIDES USEFUL POLITICAL REPORTS AND HAS HEAVY LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES WITH HIGG RANKING GOG OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, THE LEGAL PROFESSION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND LABOR FIGURES. IN SEEKING ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COPE WITH OUR INCREASED WORKLOAD THE PRESENT THINLY-SPREAD STAFFING OF THIS EMBASSY MUST BE CONSIDERED. WE HAVE A TWO-MAN ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, ONE JUNIOR ECONOMIC OFFICER (WITHOUT CONSULAR EXPERIENCE), ONE POLITICAL/LABOR JUNIOR ROTATIONAL OFFICER, THE DCM AND THE AMBASSADOR. GIVEN THIS STAFFING PATTERN AND IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES, THE EMBASSY CANNOT SHIFT OFFICERS FROM OTHER SECTIONS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. IF THE POST IS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT, PROMPT, AND EFFECTIVE CONSULAR SERVICES THEN IT IS VITAL THAT A FOURTH OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION. AS OUR MOST RECENT INSPECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1977 DISCLOSED, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS PERFORMED
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AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY IN PERFORMING ITS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS, DUE TO THE BROAD EXPERIENCE ANND DEDICATION OF THF CHIEF AS WELL AS THE FORTUNATE ASSIGNMENT OF CONSCIENTIOUS YOUNG OFFICERS. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THIS EFFECTIVENESS, WE MUST HAVE ANOTHER OFFICER. (WE NOTE THAT BY UTILIZING AN OFFICER FROM ANOTHER SECTION HALF DAYS FOR THREE MONTHS, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE AN APPRECIATIVE DENT IN A SIGNIFICANT BACKLOG OF IV CASES). WE POINT OUT THAT THE SECTION HAS ABSORBED THE SHARP INCREASE IN ITS IV WORKLOAD WITHOUT HAVING ADDED ADDITIONAL OFFICERS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE WORKLOAD THAT THREE OFFICERS, HOWEVER EFFICIENT, CONSCIENTIOUS, AND HARD WORKING THEY MAY BE, CAN PERFORM ON A SUSTAINED BASIS AND THAT LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED. WE NOW NEED AN ADDITIONAL CONSULAR POSITION

IF THE SECTION IS TO KEEP UP WITH ITS WORK.
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